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Mr. Hugh Aynesworth
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Dear Hugh,

When we parted Tuesday I went to have lunch with Mary Ferrell. It then occurred to me that she might have the records relating to Priscilla Johnson McMillan I promised you. She does. If she has not gotten them to you by the time you get this it will probably be because she is so busy at work.

Her home number is 928-0716.

To my experience Mary practices what is ethically essential, separating and protecting reporters' rights. Many make inquiries of her. She has fantastic files. But she preserves confidences and rights.

With the House assassins at work and with the shooting of "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald" to have begun in Dallas by now knowing Mary may be helpful to you.

I can see problems developing down there from this newest work of official propaganda. It involves portrayals. Those portrayed may well have legitimate objections.

Going along with Priscilla there is George. Each engaged in an immediate commercialization each without question based on unquestioning acceptance of the official story in each case prior to the completion of any official investigation.

George is a phoney liberal type, all piety and purity in word and illiberal in deed. There is quite a record on him but I'm not certain what has to be confidential. I ~~obtained~~ obtained most of it from the Ray family, James, Jerry, John and Carol Pepper. Jim obtained a duplicate of the proposed contract from McMillan under discovery. My copy is in the court records in Memphis. Jim can provide a copy of this. It is an outrage in which with petty bribery George sought to get them all to sign away all rights. I got quite a collection of McMillan's offers of bribes, his cajolings and his threats to the Rays. Jim has them. If you want them he can decide what is proper. For my part you are welcome to them. It was all so bad that in May 1972 the warden at Leavenworth, where John then was, discussed this with me because he saw clear danger to John's legal rights in what McMillan was up to. John was desperate. He did not have a penny with which to seek his legal rights. George sought to exploit this need.

Glad we had a chance to meet. Thanks much for the help.

Sincerely,